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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS

REF: STATE 175886

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR
USE ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS. FOR REASONS EXPLAINED REFTEL,
DEPARTMENT WISHES TO MINIMIZE PUBLICITY CONCERNING SAUNDERS'
TRAVEL AND PREFERS THAT THERE BE NO ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT BY
EITHER EMBASSY OR HOST GOVERNMENT.

2. QUESTION: WHY IS HAL SAUNDERS GOING TO NORTH AFRICA?

ANSWER: ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS WILL BE GOING TO
MOROCCO AND ALGERIA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADERS IN BOTH
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COUNTRIES- THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT
NORTH AFRICA SINCE BEING NAMED TO HIS PRESENT POSITION.
THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS ORIENTATION, AND A REVIEW OF
BILATERAL RELATION- AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL
INTEREST.

QUESTION: IS THERE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS TRIP AND THE

RECENT COUP IN MAURITANIA?

ANSWER: NO. THIS TRIP WAS PLANNED WELL BEFORE THE COUP OCCURED.

QUESTION: WITH WHOM WILL HE BE MEETING?

ANSWER: THOSE DETAILS ARE STILL BEING ARRANGED.

QUESTION: WHO IS GOING WITH HIM?

ANSWER: WILLIAM QUANDT OF THE NSC AND NORTH AFRICAN OFFICE DIRECTOR JAMES BISHOP.

QUESTION: WHEN WILL THEY BE GOING?

ANSWER: THE DATES AND ITINERARY ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT. CHRISTOPHER

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